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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Brice LETAC, et al.

Examiner: Brian Pellegrino

Serial No.: 09/345,824

Group Art Unit: 3738

Filed: June 30, 1999

For: VALVE PROSTHESIS FOR IMPLANTATION IN BODY CHANNELS.

February 28, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

S I R :

A response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2000 was initially due to be filed by November 29, 2000. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of the response time to February 28, 2001. For the Examiner's information, both continuation and divisional applications based upon the instant application are being concurrently filed.

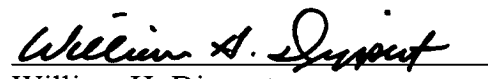
Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$890 for the extension fee. Any additional fee required should be charged, or any overpayment credited, to Deposit Account No. 03-3415.

Respectfully submitted,

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